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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" (a) to (c) Attention is invited to the paper[a] placed on the table of the House."

Scales of pay of Inspector of Boilers.

* 157 Q.—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have increased the scales of pay of the Inspector of Boilers from Rs. 250—600 to Rs. 280—700;

(b) whether the benefit of one increment given to the entrants has been given to existing men;

(c) whether there was any attempt by officers to go out on a higher salary and whether any one was not permitted due to dearth of hands; and

(d) whether there has been consistently scarcity of specialized hands in the department for the past three years?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON (on behalf of Hon. Minister for Public Works):—" (a) Yes.

" (b) No.

" (c) One officer applied for appointment in another province but the application was not forwarded on administrative grounds.

" (d) Some difficulty has been felt, but with the increase in the scale of pay of Inspectors it is hoped that suitable candidates will be forthcoming."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—" Arising out of the answer to clause (c), may I know whether it is the policy of this Government not to forward applications for appointments elsewhere, even though the emoluments there are higher than what the applicants are getting here? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—" It depends upon the exigencies of service here."

Reservation of front seats in buses to the Police.

* 158 Q.—SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(a) whether any complaint has been received that on 16th May 1947 at 8-30 p.m. the bus No. MDH 693 A.T. Madras running from Ennore to Madras had both the front seats reserved for the police;

(b) whether it is a fact that two gentlemen who boarded the front seat were objected to by the driver and conductor on the plea that they were reserved for the police;

(c) whether such a practice exists in bus services of reserving seats for police when traffic congestion is so great on the route; and

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a Printed as Appendix III on pages 40–41 infra.